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SUBJECT. Contacts of the Bose Family with the Japanese Consulate

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Urgent

Mr.Rozario(O/C 'C' Section);

D.C.(Mr.Janvrin) has ordered that copies of the two notes he wrote on "the Bose's family contacts with Japanese Consulate" should be sent to I.B. to-day.

B.K. Sood 1/5/41

Drafted. 1/5

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Secret. Extract from Bombay Province Security Review No. 3 for week ending 4th April 1942.

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4. The brother of Subash Chandra Bose, who has been living at Ahmedabad for the past 15 years has since the outbreak of war with Japan been engaged by many mills as a "consultant". It is rumoured that mill owners hope this action will afford some safeguard in the event of Ahmedabad falling under Japanese rule.

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Memo No. 4820For/F.M.640/42 dated, 9-6-42

Forwarded to D.C., S.B.,
Calcutta,
for information.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Vo. 22146
Dated 10/6/42
SPECIAL BRANCH, CALCUTTA

For D.C., S.C.,
Calcutta.

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Bose Conflict with Japan

CR563/41

STATEMENT of F.S.5 dated 15-4-42.

It was learnt from Hriday Chakravarty, a Forward Blocist that Dr. Kani Ganguly contacted with Nazis both in Germany and Calcutta and that he while in Germany long before the war conceived the idea of installing a Broadcasting Station under the patronage of the Nazis ostensively for the purpose of broadcasting anti-British to India. Hiran Basak s/o Dr. Sarat Basak is working in place of Dr. Ganguly after his return to India. Dr. Ganguly is said to be a first friend of Subhas Bose. Besides Subhas Bose, Hiran Basak broadcasts regularly from this station in English and Bengali. One Hassan or Hossein, a Calcutta Muslim said to be a relation of Communist Shamsul Huda speaks in Urdu from this station. The main theme of broadcasting from this station is to broadcast to the Indians anti-British in abusive language and to exhort them not to be lured by any promise of compromise - slogans of the Blocists. He further stated that several other stations to broadcast a similar issue have since been installed in the Axis countries by the effort of Subhas Bose. These stations are named as Himalaya Broadcasting, Hindusthan Broadcasting, Freedom India or Azad Hind Broadcasting Stations. The activities of these stations according to Hriday Chakravarty, will grow bitter with the success of Japanese progress in India. Already the broadcasts have its desired effect on the revolutionary groups in India and Bengal in particular and the belief in any kind of compromise is completely shaken.

Hiran Basak is the younger brother of Communist Kiron Basak. He went to Germany to qualify himself as Electrical and Mechanical Engineer and studied in Munich. It is said that the High Commissioner for India, at the request of Dr. Sarat Basak enquired about Hiran Basak after the war and the High Commissioner was informed that Hiran Basak was unwilling to return and engaged as a research scientist under the Nazis. Hiran is known in the Nazi circle as Junior Ganguly as he came after Dr. Kani Ganguly.

According to Hriday Chakravarty the following are some of the organising members of the Forward Bloc:-

1. Satyapriya Banerjee, M.L.A. - working in the Assembly.

2. Debabrata Mukherjee - Prof. Ashutosh College, working in the Student Group;

3. Benode Chakravarty - Secretary, Y.M.C.A. Debating Society, College Street Branch, working in the Y.M.C.A. and Student group.

4. Abinash Bhattacharjee - He is either an ex-detenu or ex-convict, employed in the Calcutta Corpn; immediately after his release by Subhas Bose and is working there for the Bloc.

5. Ashu De - He is a general worker, lives somewhere in Taltala probably Doctor Lane and is maintained by the Bloc. He is an ex-detenu.

Nos 3 to 5 had contact with Suzuki of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Kurose of Nippon Trade.

Hriday Chakravarty works as a job-securer of Oriental Type Foundry, Lower Chitpore Road. He is one of the principal organisers of the Anti-Compromise Conference of Subhas Bose at Ramgarh. He had contact with both Suzuki and Kurose. He further stated that British soldiers are unable to check the progress of Jap. troops and according to him Jap. troops are giving surprise visit to Cox Bazar. He did not disclose the source of his information.

2. Dipak Dutta Chowdhury is a pet child of his mother Sarala Devi and is actively connected with her political activities. The

family has close association with the Bose family. Sarala Devi and Dipak are well-known to the two Bose brothers. Dipak tried through the Bose brothers for the post of Chief Law Officer in the Calcutta Corpn. Sarala Devi is a patron of the Hindu Mahasabha. Although Dipak is not a member of the Hindu Mahasabha he has great sympathy for the organisation and was inclined to join the Bloc when he tried for the job in the Calcutta Corpn. His present activities are closely watched and would be reported in due course.

3. Kiron Basak s/o Dr. Sarat Basak now employed in the Jute Committee, Exdet. Ranen Ghose and Communist Nirmal Sen Gupta are responsible for printing unauthorised leaflets from Katha Press located at 1, Apurba Mitter Road, Kalighat. Ranen and Kiron had Jap. contact. Eastern Economist and New Asia were printed sometimes at their press (Katha press) mentioned above.

MJL.

Original in H.C.P. 513 VII

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C.P.

See yesterday's meeting (speeches) Sd/-CESF. 22/12.

Sarat Bose

Sat: [illegible]

The information of the C.I.O. tends to indicate that even Congress circles are satisfied that Sarat Bose had Japanese connections and that Government was probably justified in putting him in jail.

I recently met Mr.A.N.Chaudhuri - Amiya, Bar-at-Law, whose son has been serving in Abyssinia and who is now on his way to take up an appointment as Military Attache at Washington. He was telling me that although he was perfectly prepared to believe anything about Subhas Bose, no one believed that Sarat Bose would dream of conspiring with the Japanese. He personally did not believe it as he had known Sarat Bose for years. I mention this conversation as A.N.Chaudhuri's opinion would almost certainly reflect Hindu moderate opinion.

Sd/- J.V.B.Janvrin.
21/12.
D.C.,S.B.

WH.

RET.

Re: Arrest of Sarat Chandra Bose.

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C.B.18 dt.17.12.41.

Both Kristo Chatterjee (Forward Bloc) of Howrah and Suresh Mojumdar of the Ananda Bazar are of the opinion that Sarat Bose's arrest is based on certain documents prepared by Sankarlal Basal. The latter while in Japan had furnished the Japanese authorities and certain representatives of the Black Dragon Society with a list of leading Indian nationalists, who would work as Fifth Columnists, in the event of India being attacked by Japan. Sankarlal Basal included Sarat Bose's name and certain terrorists. He was unable to impress his hearers in Japan who considered him to be a tall-talker. Ultimately the Japanese authorities forwarded the names to the Japanese Consulate in Calcutta for verification. The Japanese Consulate established contact with Sarat Bose. This came to the notice of the Police who also secured the list submitted by Basal through the Military Intelligence.

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Suresh Mojumdar feels that if the Government of India chose to produce the evidence it would be prejudicial to Sarat Bose's political career, in the face of the present strong anti-Japanese feeling among almost all political groups.

Kristo Chatterjee as usual presses his claim to be in the know.

WH.

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XIV: I.F.B.

secret

*Ex-Secy.of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and editor of the weekly journal "Eastern Economics". He was also mentioned by the agent previously.
Sd/- A.K. 15/12

Sarat Bose & Jap Connection

Statement of T.P.52 dated 15.12.41.

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I. As regards the activities of Sarat Chandra Basu,M.L.A., I know that *Ashit Mukharji of Mukharjipara, Shibpur, Howrah,was the connect -ing link between Mr. Ikeda, Acting Consul General for Japan and Sarat Chandra Basu, M.L.A. Mr. Ikeda (now under restriction) was also in touch with Hemanta Basu, Secy. B.P.F.B. and Panna Lal Mitra the two trusted men of Sarat Basu through this Ashit Mukherji. The last occasion Ashit Mukharji met Sarat Basu with a message from Ikeda was about a week before the arrest of Sarat Basu. Ashit Mukharji also met Hemanta Basu and Panna Lal Mitra with messages from Mr. Ikeda only last evening (14.12.41) in the F.B. Office at 37, College Street, but the nature of correspondence was not disclosed to me. They were closetted in the office for half an hour. A further report will follow.

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Intelligence Branch,C.I.D.,
13, Lord Sinha Road,
Calcutta,the 17th December 1941.

Memo. No.C/S 8287 T.P. 52 Action.

Forwarded to Khan Bahadur Md. Ismail J.P., Deputy Commissioner of Police,Special Branch,Calcutta for information

Sd. N.Sinha

for Special Superintendent of Police,
I.B. Bengal.

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No. 208 G.S.
DATE 18/12/41. C.I.O.
I.B.
CALCUTTA.

SECRET. Statement of C.112 dated 18th November, 1941.

Mr.Ohta, in course of a long conversation said on the 16th November, that he would like to see Mr.Sarat Bose at the end of this month or at the beginning of December - just to tell him that the present Consul-General, Mr.Iida was rather reluctant to continue the contact. Mr.Ohta said that his wife was friendly with the womenfolk of Mr.Bose's family; but in these days of suspicion, it was not discreet to meet them socially.

Mr.Ohta informed that Mr.Iida entertained one Indian, a certain Mukherjee (Ohta does not know the full name) at his flat on the 14th November, Iida invited Ohtas, but they could not attend this party at Iida's flat. Most probably this Indian is D.N.Mukherji, who was connected with the Japanese importing firm C.Itoh Co.of 135 Canning Street. D.N.Mukherji is an old friend of Mr.Iida when he had been a chancellor of the Consulate at Calcutta seven or eight years ago. (This suggestion of the identity of D.N.Mukherji is a pure conjecture).

Mr.Ohta says that they have very little to do now-a-days at the office. Iida just sits idle; he does not write his despatches to Japan, as he is not allowed to use any code. The remnants of the Japanese colony meet at one another's house by turn; so, Ohta says they are having a rather dull time. Mr.Moto wants to go back to Japan as soon as possible.

Mr.Ohta has started writing a thesis on "War & Conflict", which he thinks as a purely academic dissertation. In this thesis he wants to prove that the Sino-Japanese war is not to be regarded as "war" in the strictest sense of international law; so the third Powers should keep their neutrality. Ohta says that authorities here cannot find any fault with him if he publishes this essay in any serious review of some learned society, as it is a purely technical subject having nothing to do with contemporary political topics.

Ohta is now-a-days so much nervous that he proposes to show his thesis to the police authorities before publication.

Sending herewith a copy of the statement of accounts submitted to the committee meeting of the now defunct Japanese Chamber of Commerce just on the eve of its dissolution. This will show the various activities of the Chamber.

Memo.No.P.M.540/41.IV dated 19th Novr.1941.

Copy for information to :-

1. W.McK.Wright Esq.,I.P.,Assistant Director (J), New Delhi.
2. D.A.Brayden Esq.,I.P., C.I.O.,Calcutta.
3. E.Springfield Esq.,I.P., S.S.IV,I.B.,Bengal,Calcutta.
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Sd/- K. Tolson.
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Security Control, Calcutta.

WH.

THE JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CALCUTTA.

Statement of Accounts, 1st April to 31st August, 1941.

ACCOUNTS.

Rs.	1,863	0	0	SALARY.			
	80	0	0	ELECTRIC CHARGES			
	88	0	0	TELEPHONE CHARGES			
	172	13	6	Telegrams.			
	52	7	6	Postage & Stamps			
	5	12	0	Printing			
	243	6	6	Stationery			
	1	12	0	Repairing charges			
	147	12	6	Publications, Newspapers etc.			
	70	6	0	Conveyance			
	912	7	6	Motor Car upkeep.			
	350	0	0	Investigation			
	41	0	0	Incidental Charges			
	381	2	0	Sepcial Investigation			
	1,250	0	0	Rent			
	1,200	0	0	Secretary's Allowance			
	300	0	0	Travelling Expenses			
	99	7	3	Entertainment charges			
	50	0	0	Audit Fees			
	2,359	14	3	Eastern Economist Expenses	3,597	14	3
				Less Ad/Ch.& Sub.Recd.	1,238	0	0
					2,359	14	3
	261	13	3	Miscellaneous			
	500	0	0	Charity & Donation			
				Interest	13	13	0
				Membership Fees	1,440	--	0
				Contribution	11,473	2	0
	10,431	4	3		12,926	15	0
	1,163	6	0	Furniture & Fittings Addition since 1st April 1941 (including Rs.120/- for filing cabinet for special investigation)			
	11,594.	10.	6				
				General Funds as at 31.3.41.	5,496	1	6
	~~2,000~~	~~0~~	~~0~~	The Nagoya Pan-Pacific Peace Exhibition	170	0	0
	2,000	0.	0	Furniture & Fittings as at 31.3.41			
	1,575	0	0	Motor car			
	30	0	0	Deposit			
	3,071	14	1	Y.S.Bank current deposit on 31.8.41.			
	321	8	2	Cash in hand.			
Rs.	18,593	0	6		Rs. 18,593	0	6

N.B. Average monthly expenses about Rs. 2,086 0 0

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Ohta is now busy preparing a thesis:- an academic exposition on some aspects of international law - he has been promised by the Armenian, Mr. Ohanian an honorary degree of doctorate from the "Academia Asiatica" of Teheran, Iran.

Ohanian has asked Rs.2000/- from Mr. Ohta for this service, and Ohta has already paid Rs.1000/- to this Armenian.

Ohta is a spoilt child of his rich father; so, he is squandering money to satisfy his whims. Mr. Iida on the other hand, is reserved, miserly and selfish. So, Ohta himself admits that he cannot get on well with Iida.

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Enclosing two letters of Mr. Ohta; they should be returned after perusal.

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D.C.S.B.
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S.B.
No. 1435 G.I.O.
DATE 20/11/41 I.B.
CALCUTTA.

COPIES OF LETTERS.

(no date).

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14.11.41.

2.

Dear .....

I thank you very much for your letter and I am very sorry that I have kept your bearer so long. I have been typewriting my thesis and it took such an awful time. I was in office until 12.30 a.m. this night and my wife too helped me. It is completing but I have to type more 20 pages. I should be very much please if you would very kindly send your bearer at about 7 p.m. tomorrow evening so that I can send you my thesis tomorrow. I'm very sorry that I could not finish it by the promised date as some private business happened (Mr. Knox of N.Y.K. had quitted the office and went to Bombay and I had to attend farewell party for whole night and my schedule was upseted) and I could not finish it by this evening. Tachi came back and I think I will tell you when I meet you next. About another letter I think I'll ~~wr~~ not write now. But I'll meet him at the end of this month so as that I can ask him about your position and fix up before late, as I personally like you very much and it is my very hope to let you settle safe very soon. Moreover it is very difficult to explain in the letter so I think I'll meet him. My wife also wanting to see his family very much. Well I think tomorrow evening I'll send my thesis and I hope you can correct it by Sunday. If you can manage to do it, please call on me on Sunday at about 7/30 p.m. with ..... so as that we can take dinner together and after that we can discuss about my thesis.

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Thanking you,

Yours truly,
Sd/- K.Ohta.

P.S.

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Statement of C.112 dated 9.11.41.

Mr. Ohta was interviewed at his flat on the 8th November in the evening. Mr. Ohta says that Mr. Iida has come back; but as Mr. Iida was very much busy at Bombay in connexion with the departure of the Japanese evacuees, he had little chance of discussing with the Consul General, Okazaki, about Mr. Sarat Bose's correspondence. Moreover, as Mr. Ohta frankly admits for the first time, Mr. Okazaki personally was interested in meeting Mr. Sarat Bose with a view to learn the details of the political situation in India from a prominent Indian politician. And it was at Mr. Okazaki's request that Mr. Ohta cultivated the acquaintance of Mr. Bose and delivered messages to Mr. Bose on behalf of Mr. Okazaki. Mr. Ohta makes it clear that Mr. Okazaki's motive in meeting Sarat Bose was purely personal; it had nothing to do with any Foreign Office instructions. So, with the departure of Mr. Okazaki, Mr. Ohta thinks that he cannot freely mix with Mr. Bose, specially because his present Chief, Mr. Iida (acting Consul-General), does not like to take any risk. Mr. Iida wants to remain as much discreet as possible. Mr. Ohta, in making this statement, draws a comparison between Mr. Okazaki and Mr. Iida; Mr. Okazaki is essentially a politician and he is rather bold in his actions, while Mr. Iida is merely an official who had been an ordinary "Chancellor" of the Consulate before his promotion to the position of a Vice-Consul. So, Mr. Iida is naturally nervous and discreet.

Mr. Ohta will, however, write a note to Mr. Bose next week explaining these difficulties. Mr. Ohta personally does not think it "harmful" to meet Mr. Bose again; but as Mr. Iida, who is now his superior, discourages this action in these troubled times, Mr. Ohta will refrain from seeing Mr. Bose.

From Mr. Ohta's conversations as stated above, it can be inferred that henceforth Mr. Sarat Bose will have very little opportunity to renew his meetings with the members of the Japanese Consular staff at Calcutta.

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Memo.No. P.M.5740/41 Fov. dated the 13th November, 1941.

Copy for information to :

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3. N. Springfield, Esq., I.P., Special Superintendent IV, Intelligence Branch, Bengal, Calcutta.

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Deputy Commissioner of Police,
[redacted], Calcutta.
Security Control,

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Statement of C. 112 dated 31.10.41.

Mr. Ohta was interviewed on the 30th October, and the letter of Mr. Sarat Bose was delivered to him. Mr. Ohta, after reading the letter, said that it was not possible for him to reply to the letter without having consulted Mr. Okazaki (who is now in Bombay). As Mr. Takabatake was leaving for Bombay on the 30th October in the evening, Mr. Ohta would instruct him to inform Mr. Okazaki about Mr. Bose's letter and to seek his opinion regarding the reply to the letter. Mr. Iida (who is now at Bombay) would convey Mr. Okazaki's instructions to Mr. Ohta in the first week of November. Mr. Iida will leave for Calcutta immediately after seeing off Mr. Okazaki. Most probably, according to the schedule, the evacuees' boat will sail on the 2nd November. So, Mr. Iida is expected back to Calcutta on the 5th November. On Mr. Iida'sreturn and on the receipt of Mr. Okazaki's instructions, Mr. Ohta will meet Mr. Sarat Bose according to the latter's convenience. Mr. Ohta did not reply to the letter of Mr. Bose; he wants the above mentioned arrangement verbally made known to Mr. Bose, when he (Mr.Bose) returns to Calcutta from his holidays.

From Mr. Ohta's conversations it appears that he does not like to take any initiative in sending any reply to Mr. Bose without the advice or sanction of Mr. Okazaki. So, he will first wait for Mr. Iida's return.

Mr. Ohta informs that almost all the Japanese nationals who applied for exit permit have been given the required permit by Lall Bazar police authorities. Mr. Takabatake belongs to the last batch of the Japanese who left Calcutta on the 30th October.

About 30 Japanese will remain in Calcutta so long as possible.

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P.M.
Memo.No./540/41-III dated the ~~4th November, 1941~~.

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Statement of C. 112 dated 30.10.41.

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Parimal Roy Chaudhury, one of the private secretaries of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, handed over this letter on the 29th October.

He said that the letter was written on the 23rd by Mr. Bose and he came on the 23rd to deliver the letter. But as the intermediary was away from Calcutta, he could not deliver the letter at that time. So he came to deliver it on the 29th October. Roy Chaudhury said that Mr. Bose had left for Sikkim on the 24th October and would be back to Calcutta on the 1st November. He added that as this letter had been lying in his pocket for 5 days, it looked old and crumpled.

This letter is to be delivered to Mr. Ohta on the 30th October in the evening.

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Statement of C. 112 dated 27.10.41.

In course of a long conversation with Mr.Ohta of the Japanese Consulate on the 26th October at his residence, it is understood that Mr.Okazaki, the Japanese Consul General, had received telegraphic instructions from the Japan Foreign Office on the 21st October to sail for Japan by the evacuees' ship. Mr.Okazaki did not expect so sudden a departure; so he made necessary arrangements in a hurry. He could not take books, papers, etc. with him. He was very eager to meet Mr. Sarat Bose before he left Calcutta. So he sent Mr.Ohta to Mr. A. K. Mukherji's house on the 22nd, but as Mr. Mukherji was away from Calcutta, Mr.Ohta could not arrange the interview between Mr.Okazaki and Mr. Sarat Bose.

Mr.Okazaki left Calcutta on the 25th October for Bombay; the boat will sail on the 1st November. All the Japanese residents of Calcutta, except 30, have left for Bombay. Mr.Ohta informs that the remaining Japanese may leave for Japan in November by the Indo-China Steamship Line.

Mr.Ohta states that as the normal activities of the Japanese Consulate have been discontinued, there was no meaning in Mr.Okazaki's continuing to remain at his post here. Mr.Moto will also soon go back to Japan. Mr.Iida and Mr.Ohta will be left in charge of the Consulate. The junior staff of the Calcutta Office - Mr.Ishida, Mr.Takabatake and Mr.Satoh - may be recalled to Japan before the end of this year. Most probably the Japanese Consul at Bombay will act as Consul General, as he is senior to Mr.Iida, while Mr.Iida may remain as Vice-Consul at Calcutta.

The Consulate has been removed to the premises at Harrington Street which was occupied by the now defunct Nippon Club. Mr.Ohta says that they have very little work to do at the new office, and he will have a great deal of leisure to study Indian problems fairly thoroughly. Mr.Ohta wants to see Mr. Sarat Bose (he has been instructed to do so by Mr.Okazaki) on the latter's return to Calcutta.

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Statement of C. 112 dated 25.9.41.

The letter of Mr. Bose was delivered to Mr. Ohta at 12.30 on the 24th. As Mr. Okazaki was meeting Japanese residents of Calcutta at Nippon Club, Mr. Ohta gave him the letter in the afternoon. Mr. Ohta said that the Consul General has noted the contents of the letter; but as important matters are involved, the Consul General would like to meet Mr. Bose when he comes back from the holidays. So, he would not write any reply for the present. Mr. Ohta said that Mr. Okazaki wanted it to be verbally conveyed to Mr. Bose that as the Japanese Consulate was forbidden to use 'code' in its communications with the Foreign Office, it was rather very difficult, almost impossible, to get any news from Japan, at present.

Mr. Bose was informed of this message from Mr. Okazaki at 7 p.m. on the 24th. Mr. Bose said that he would come back on the 19th October, and would then meet the Consul General. He appreciates the obvious difficulty of Mr. Okazaki in committing himself to anything in writing at this time.

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Memo.No. P.M.540/41-III dated 25.9.41 September, 1941.

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Statement of C.112 dated 23.9.41.

Mr. Sarat Bose wrote a letter (sealed) to Mr. Ohta on the 19th. September. Mr. Ohta, after reading the contents, expressed his wish to meet Mr. Bose sometime in the near future.

Mr. Bose, when informed of Mr. Ohta's wish, wanted to fix the date and place of meeting soon, as he is leaving Calcutta on the 24th. September.

I do not think this letter was written by Sarat Bose 24-9-41 S.S.P.

Mr. Bose verbally conveyed his request to Mr. Ohta on the 23rd. September, to meet both Mr. Okazaki (who is due to arrive in Calcutta on the 24th.) and Mr. Ohta at Mr. Bose's chamber at 5, Hasting Street on the 24th. Sept, between 2 and 4 P.M.

Mr. Ohta, however, said that it was not possible for the Consul-General to meet Mr. Bose at any public place on account of the strict police vigilance. So, Mr. Ohta thinks that as time is very short, it is better that Mr. Bose should write a letter to Mr. Okazaki on the 24th. in the morning ; and Mr. Okazaki would send the reply on the same day, so that Mr. Bose would receive it before he leaves Calcutta. Mr. Bose is taking a steamer-trip to Assam, and will be back on the 18th. or 20th. October. A copy of the contents of the closed cover without any name or address for Mr.Ohta sent by Mr. S. C. Bose is attached.

Sent by DS incl. M 5270/41-II

Memo: No: P.M.540/41-III. Dated, the 24th. Sept. 1941.

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Intelligence Branch, Bengal,

for information.

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Special Branch-Calcutta.

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(1) A typed slip and (2) a sealed cover addressed to Mr. O. (Okazaki).

The contents of the typed slip runs as follows :

24.9.41.

Please hand over the enclosed sealed cover to Mr. O. and let me have his reply by 6 p.m. this evening. Hope his boss will reach this morning from Simla.

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(2) The contents of the sealed cover containing typed matter which runs as follows :

24.9.41.

(2) Please hand over my last note to you re: secret information service and other matters to your boss on his arrival from Simla and let me have his reply by 6 p.m. today. I can then make the necessary arrangements before I leave. If the secret service is wanted, it can start from the beginning of November.

2. Please let me have all information your boss may have received up to date as regards the situation both in the West and the East.

3. Is there any news about Mr. S. ? Very anxious for further news about him. Please let me know.

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Statement of C. 112 dated 19-9-41.

Mr. Sarat Bose sent this sealed letter addressed to Mr. Ohta, through his clerk, on the 18th September at 8 p.m. This letter is to be delivered to Mr. Ohta this morning (19th) before noon, and his reply is to be received as early as possible.

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Sd/- J.V.B. Janvrin,
D.C.S.B.

Note:

This letter was possibly written by Ganesh, nephew of Sarat Bose. In the Bose family circle Ganesh is regarded as the fool of the family.

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Contents of sealed cover marked 'Personal & Immediate' addressed to Mr. O. containing two sheets of typed paper.

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Organisation for Secret information.

I can start an organisation for getting secret information of the nature you require as an experimental measure on trial for 3 months. If I find we are getting useful information, we can continue the organisation; otherwise, we shall stop it. I understand the nature of the information you want. I shall engage men to get the information as soon as I hear from you in reply to this note. I cannot say from now that the information I shall get from men that I engage will be usefulto us. The men will have to be given a trial for 2 or 3 months; if the information does not prove satisfactory to us, we can discharge them after 2 or 3 months trial.

Please let me know if I should start the organisation on trial. If you want me to do so, please send me Rs 5000/- to meet preliminary expenses. I shall of course be directly in touch with the head of the organisation, so that he will know the exact nature, substance and contents of the information you want. I shall also pass on the information directly to you. If you have to leave the country, we shall discuss how to keep communication before you leave.

(2) Moslem League can do nothing for Iran nor do I think that they will or can create any disturbance in India for the sake of Iran.

(3) We have 10000 men ready immediately to take up arms. We can raise the number to 50000 within a few months of getting the money and arms we want. Please let me know when we may expect the arms we want and if you can arrange for the money we want through any other channel. This is very important and very urgent.

(4) Please let me know at once if it will be possible for you to send a message to Mr. S. The message is very important and urgent.

(5) Durga Kanta Bagchi is not a bad fellow but he is not in the inner circle of his group. I do not think he can do much useful work.

(6) Have you received any further message from Mr. S.? Have you received any reliable information regarding the progress of events in Europe? Will Germany proceed towards Iran next winter? Please let me have all important news received by you.

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Extract from Statement of C.112 dated 3.9.41.

Mr. Ohta and his wife met Mr. Sarat Bose and his womenfolk at Rishra garden house on the 31st August at 8 p.m. Mr. Ohta says that it was a sort of family gathering. Mr. Bose wanted to know whether Japan has definitely decided to challenge the Anglo-American-Chinese bloc in the Far East. Ohta, who himself does not know what is the actual policy of his Government, replied that Japan would not take any action in the very near future.

Mr. Ohta informs that Sarat Bose told him that he would soon join the present Bengal Ministry, as there would be a coalition between Nationalists and the party of Fazlul Huq. The Nationalists would be represented by three Ministers, while Fazlul Huq's party would have the equal number of Ministers in the reshuffled Cabinet. Mr. Ohta confesses that he does not understand all these groupings in Bengal politics.

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Report of C. 112 dated 24th August 1941.

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X ENCL: II

Mr. Ohta, in reply, sent this short note, informing that he and his wife would go to Sarat Bose's garden house at Rishra on the 31st August at 8 p.m.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
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Encl: I

3, Lyons Range,
Calcutta, 21st August 1941.

My dear Mr. Huq,

No news from you since I talked to you last on the phone. I have been anxiously awaiting your letter, which you promised to write to me giving full details about your conversation with Onil Babu after the arrival of Onil Babu from business tour. Have you forgotten it or you could not write to me as you did not get sufficient time to see Onil Babu in connection with our business? Has Onil Babu arrived from Up country? When is he expected to arrive, if he is not at Calcutta? How is he carrying on with the mission entrusted on him?

I hope and trust, you will take up the matter very seriously without any further delay. Things to be done accurately and smoothly without any loss of time, so that we may collectively assert ourselves at the hour of trial. Puja festival is very near, so we should close our transactions with Onil Babu and his party immediately within a week or so in order to get better results of our common efforts much before the Pujas. Please do the needful in the matter and oblige.

Onil Babu might have been disheartened as one of our elder bosses could not keep the engagements with Onil Babu at his residence (Onil Babu's) or at the former's office. We were really sorry for the same, but could not help.... you know the reasons very well. We did send a messenger (one of my cousins) to covey Onil Babu that it was not possible to see him, but he could not see him as he was very busy with his undue friends and well-wishers.

For your recollection, I beg to put the following points in connection with our business, which please place before Onil Babu and let me have his reply immediately or I may have a talk with him on the phone when he will be at his residence for luncheon and then send a messenger Ansari with my detailed suggestions in the matter if he advises. I shall try my level best to see him personally, but everything depends on my undue friends, whose number has been increased since a week. You may rest assured about the genuineness of my messenger, Ansari. He will be in touch with Onil Babu and keep him informed and in return he should be kept informed about the movements.

(a) We give allegiance to the partners of the Managing Agency for our common benefit and it is quite needless to assure Onil Babu about the same.

(b) We shall try our level best to help the said partners with our little might sincerely as far as practicable and possible for our common benefit.

(c) We have already invested about Rs 600/- and have been daily investing.

(d) We have already reserved about Rs 5000/- (mixed) in Calcutta and adjacent towns for emergency and we have been thinking of not investing any lum sum in the business till the time before the sauda being taken place.

(e) We have deliberately stopped giving publicity on a large scale and we will at once start giving the same when we will be informed and instructed. We have been collecting the matter for our publicity.

We further want to know from Onil Babu the following things :-

(a) What further helps he wants from us and in what way? and how can he help us?

(b) Approximate date of the business.

You can show this letter to Onil Babu and explain to him about the contents of this letter. Please remember us to him and give our greatest regards to him and to the said partners. With the blessings of Our All Mighty we must succeed. Onil Babu's reference to Late Dr. Tagore has been appreciated in all quarters.

I shall be anxiously awaiting for the successful termination of our business.

Yours very sincerely,

Sd/- (in red ink) A.R. Siddiqui
(Abdur Rahman Siddique)

P.S.

You can hand over the statement of account to Onil Babu and he can give publicity to the said statement without using the name of the gentleman, who has given the statement. I think you will follow me.

Cover addressed: Personal.

To

The Hon'ble A.K. Fazlul Huq,
Chief Minister,
Bengal.

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A sealed letter from Sarat Bose for Mr. Ohta was received at 9 p.m. on the 16th August with the accompanying note. As it was to be delivered post-haste, this letter was sent to Mr. Ohta on the 17th August at 12 noon. Ohta's acknowledgment has not yet been received. On its receipt, the note, as suggested by Sarat Bose, will be sent.

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Accompanying Note:-

Please hand over the enclosed sealed envelope personally to Mr. or Mrs. O. tonight. Please send a slip tomorrow morning with the words O.K. on it. I shall understand that the letter has been duly delivered.

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MEMO NO. P.M. 540/41-III dated 20th August, 1941.

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Report of C. 112 dated ~~11-8-41.~~ 9 (Received on 11-8-40

Mr. Sarat Bose sent his librarian, Roy Choudhury, to Mr. A.K. Mukherji's house on the 8th August at 7 p.m. He wanted to invite Mr. & Mrs. Ohta to dinner at his garden-house at Rishra at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday, the 10th August. He requested Mr. Mukherji to sound Mr. & Mrs. Ohta about this invitation.

Mr. Mukherji went to Ohta's flat on the 8th August at 8.30 p.m. As Mr. Ohta was out, Mrs. Ohta accepted the invitation.

Mr. Sarat Bose will meet them at the foot of the Bally Bridge at 8 p.m. on the 10th August. On the previous occasion they met at the same place.

Mr. Mukherji informed Mr. Sarat Bose about their acceptance. Mr. Bose seems to be very much anxious about the Anglo-Japanese tension; he is not in a position to make out whether there will be really any war in the Pacific at the present moment. So, he will ask Mr. Ohta about this question.

In this case, Mr. Bose has taken the initiative in asking them to dine at his house; the Japanese are not so much eager to seek his interview in this critical hour. Nervousness among Japanese is increasing. A passenger boat from Japan is expected at Bombay on the 16th August. Some Japanese businessmen want to go back to Japan on that boat.

Most probably, the local Japanese firms will give notice to their employees by the 15th August, and will pay one month's salary in advance.

One cargo-boat is also expected at Calcutta from Japan; it is on the high seas. But as there is no cargo to load here, it will be difficult for that boat to sail back to Japan. If that boat comes here soon, many local Japanese will return to Japan by it.

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Special Branch, Calcutta.

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Statement of C.112 dated the 1st August,1941.

The local Japanese businessmen have become increasingly nervous about their fate. They are almost certain that there is very little likelihood of softening the rigours of the freezing order- simply because their home-Government is not going to climb down very soon. These local Japanese know full well that the "Freezing Orders" of the British Government are penal measures; so, it is foolish to expect that the Indian Government will care to give any concession to allow them to carry on any form of trading here. That means that within August all the Japanese firms will have to close down; to add to it, no money would be coming from Japan; and the money they have now with them will not last very long. So, these Japanese think their position extremely unenviable. They know the reasons of "high politics" will impel their home-government to adopt any more drastic or 'spirited' anti-British policy; the peculiar position of the Japanese nationals in the British or American territories will not be considered by the Japan Government.

On the 30th July, the local Japanese businessmen met at the Nippon Club in lunch-time; and they have decided to close down their offices and to dismiss the employees in September- if the present conditions are not improved. They think there is very little chance of improvement.

Mr.Kobayashi, of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, who attended that meeting, gave this information. Some of these Japanese are determined to leave India as soon as possible. Mr.Kobayashi is one of them. They are requesting the Consular authorities to cable to Japan for sending out a ship here for repatriating these "stranded" Japanese. They are seeing no other way out of this impasse.

It is not known as yet when the Consul-General will come back to Calcutta.

Ganesh Bose (nephew of Subhas Bose) 'phoned to Mr. A.K.Mukherji of Japanese Chamber of Commerce on the 30th July. Ganesh told him about his recent experiences at the Special Branch headquarters, and gave a detailed account of his interrogation by the police. Ganesh wanted to meet A.K.Mukherji on the 31st July at the Woodburn Park at 6-30 P.M. He seemed to be very much excited; Ganesh wanted to meet Mr.Okazaki and to request him to facilitate his 'flight' to Japan. Ganesh does not apparently know the movements of Mr.Okazaki; his uncle, Sarat Bose, now-a-days never confides anything to his nephews.

No meeting, however, took place between Ganesh and Mukherji on the 31st July.

Memo.No.P.M.~~&~~ 510/41 dated the 2nd August,1941.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
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Report of a Secret Agent dated 13-8-41.

Ohta the Chancellor of the Japanese Consulate has met Sarat Ch. Bose brother of Subhas Ch. Bose twice. They have arranged that Firearms will be brought from Japan by ships in cases and will be dropped in the sea near Chittagong. These will then be fished out by crews to be arranged by Sarat Ch. Bose; in this connection Ohta sent Dr. A.K. Mukherji of Eastern Economist to Chittagong sometime ago.

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Report of C. 112 dated 12-8-41.

Mr. Ohta informs that he and his wife met Mr. Bose at the Bally Bridge corner on Sunday last, 10th August, at 8 p.m. They dined at his gardenhouse. Sarat Bose's daughters were present. Ohta says that Bose wanted to know whether Japan would declare hostilities against England and America on the question of Thailand. It seems that Sarat Bose has been very friendly with the Ohta couple, and his occasional invitations are of more social than political nature.

The lack of sensational political developments, during the last week-end, in the Far East, have somewhat relieved the nervous Japanese businessmen here. But the business is at standstill. Nissho Company, of B-5 Clive Buildings, which has been a Japanese importing firm, has notified its dissolution from the 1st September. The Bombay branch of Nissho Company will however continue its existence. The Calcutta Office has been a small affair, and since the war its business dwindled gradually.

The other Japanese firms have not yet come to a decision.

Dr. D.N. Maitra of the Bengal Social Service League, went to the Japanese Consulate on the 9th August, and interviewed the Vice-Consul, Mr. Iida. Maitra wants to borrow a few books of the Japan Library (which are now preserved in the office of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce) for his personal use, as he is giving a series of lecture on "Japan". Mr. Iida has agreed to lend these books, numbering about 40, to Dr. Maitra. But he will at first refer this matter to Mr. Okazaki, the Consul-General, at Simla.

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MEMO NO. P.M. 540/41-III dated 14th August, 1941.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

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SECRET.

Statement of C.112 dated the 7th July,1941.

Sarat Bose met Mr.Ohta at 8-30 P.M. on the 1st July near Hall & Anderson's shop. Bose was clad in European costume. Mr.Ohta took him to Mr.Okazaki's, where they dined together. After dinner, Mr.Ohta left the Consul-General and Mr.Bose to talk over things for more than two hours.

Mr.Okazaki informs that their talk was of a general nature. Mr.Bose was anxious to know what the Japan Government would think about the Soviet-German war and how the Japanese would adjust their policy towards the Axis. Mr.Okazaki heard from Mr.Bose that the Indian nationalists did not like the idea of a Soviet-German clash- because, in their view, such a conflict would weaken the anti-British forces wielded by Nazis, and it would delay the ultimate defeat and destruction of the British Empire. Mr.Bose further opined that most probably Japan would withdraw herself from Axis entanglements, and would then adopt a policy of indifference to the issue of Indian independence. So, according to Mr.Bose, the Soviet-German conflict tends to affect the x cause of Indian 'independence' movement rather adversely.

Mr.Okazaki says that he told Mr.Bose that the Japan Government would not act in a huff, and that it would continue to adopt a policy of 'wait and see', without repudiating any of its agreements with the Axis or Soviet Russia. Mr.Okazaki thinks that the Germans will be able to finish this Russian business before August. He believes that Stalin will deem it expedient to come to terms with Germany and thereby to save the integrity of Russia.

Mr.Okazaki left for Simla on the 3rd July. The Trade-Consul, Mr.Moto will start for Simla on the 10th July. Mr.Iida, the Vice-Consul, will arrive here soon. Mr.Ohta will remain in Calcutta. The Consul-General will come back to Calcutta in September.

Mr.Hoshide, ex-Manager of Toyo Menka Kaisha, left for Japan by a Japanese cargo-boat on the 30th June last. Mr.Y. Ishida is his successor.

Karuna Mitra, the free-lancer journalist, met Mr. Okazaki at the Consulate, and invited the Consul-General to tea on the 30th June. Most probably Mr.Okazaki did not keep this appointment. Karuna Mitter, however, is an obstinate fellow; he is out to cultivate the Japanese Consulate by any means.

Memo.No.P.M.540/41-II dated the 7th July,1941.

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Sd/-J.V.B.Janvrin.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, Special Branch, Calcutta.

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Statement of C.112 dated the 1st July,1941.

The Japanese Consul-General, Mr.Okazaki, Mr.Ohta, and Mrs.Ohta, had a rather disagreeable misadventure on the 29th June, on their way to Mr.Sarat Bose's garden-house at Risrah. Their car went wrong, just after crossing the Bally bridge. In the semi-lighted Grand Trunk Road they could not find any repairing shop, while the sight of three Japanese stranded in such a fashion brought a large crowd of factory labourers. Okazaki was rather annoyed; these sightseers could not make any distinction between Chinese and Japanese; so, they made fun of them, thinking them as 'Chinamen'. Mr. Okazaki told Mr.Ohta to go to Mr.Bose's house with a view to inform him of their plight. Ohta hired a rickshaw, but when the driver asked him about his destination, Ohta did not disclose the name of Mr.Bose for obvious reasons. He vaguely said that he had a friend living round there, and he would spot the house easily. But the driver got suspicious, and stopped at a junction of two roads. A crowd again got interested in Mr.Ohta. Two or three people questioned Mr. Ohta about his destination; again he made vague replies. Thus an ugly situation was created; and to save himself from further discomfiture, Ohta came back to the car to join Mr. Okazaki and Mrs.Ohta. Finding no other means to go to Mr. Bose's house, Mr.Okazaki telephoned to A.A.B. asking them to send mechanics to repair the car. The A.A.B. man went there at 10 P.M. Then Mr.Okazaki found a taxi on the road, and he came back to Calcutta, leaving Mr.Ohta and his wife to see to the repairs. For two hours, the A.A.B. man tried all his skill but nothing could move the car. So, Ohta and his wife, after having a thorough drench, came back to Calcutta at 1 P.M. on the side-seat of the A.A.B. man's motor-cycle. Thus, the Japanese experienced a very bad time. Mr.Okazaki is very much affected by this accident. He told Mr.A.K.Mukherji of "Eastern Economist" that it was not necessary to meet Mr. Sarat Bose at that out-of-the-way place. As he is going away to Simla on the 3rd July, it would not be possible for him to meet Mr.Bose. But Mr.Ohta, who will remain here, may see Mr.Bose sometime in the near future. Moreover, the Consul-General is aware (so he says), that he is being closely shadowed by C.I.D. agents. He informs that his car is followed by a police car wherever he goes, even to Barrackpore Golf Club. Mr.Okazaki dodged the detective on the 29th June by some ruse; so, he thinks that his car was not followed on his way to Sarat Bose's house.

Mr.Okazaki wrote a letter of apology to Sarat Bose, explaining the unusual reasons which prevented them from keeping the appointment. He handed over this letter to Mr. Mukherji, requesting him to meet Mr.Sarat Bose and to tell him the whole episode. Accordingly, Mr.Mukherji saw Sarat Bose at his house on the 30th June at 6 P.M. Sarat Bose read Okazaki's letter and regretted very much the incident. But Mr.Bose wants to see Mr.Okazaki once before he leaves for Simla. He does not like to invite the Japanese to his Rishrah house again. He was discussing all possible venues for meeting. At last, he considers it practicable that he will meet Mr.Ohta at 8-15 P.M. near Hall & Anderson's shop at the junction of Park Street and Chowringhee. Then, both of them will go to Mr.Okazaki's residence. Bose requests Mukherji to inform Mr.Ohta about this plan and to find out whether this arrangement will suit Mr.Okazaki. Mr.Bose wants to invite himself for dinner at Okazaki's.

Mr.Ohta was informed about it by Mr.Mukherji, who went to Ohta's flat at 11 A.M. on the 1st July. Ohta went to Barrackpore Golf Club and consulted Okazaki there. He agreed. So, Mr.Ohta will go to Chowringhee end of Hall & Anderson's shop at 8-15 P.M. this evening and will pick up Sarat Bose there and then will proceed to Okazaki's.

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A secret agent reports that secret meetings of Bose group are occasionally held at the residence (2) of N.N. ellitha (1), 94, Bakul Bagan Road. N. N. ellitha is connected with Bose family by marriage. Telephone of N. N. ellitha (P.K. 1228) is used by the party members.

Will you please let me have the 2B. Reference note on N. N. ellitha and the address very early?

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH
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for DCS 6/6

(1) No references to the individual with the particulars given.
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N. N. Mitra

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C.P. 502/1944.

In a list of Subhas Bose's relations furnished by an S.B. Officer, Nalini Nath Mitra of 94 Bakulbagan Road is mentioned to be the Sister's husband of Subhas Bose.

No other ref. traced in cards.

Re. the address, 94, Bakulbagan Road, ~~apart~~ apart from the fact that it is the residence of Nalininath Mitra, there is no other ref.

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Statement of F.S.5 dated the 30th April 1941.

The talk between Okazaki and Sarat Bose, so far transpired, centred on the different political organisations in India particularly Forward Bloc, its position in the Calcutta Corporation, Assembly and Council and also its relation with the Congress High Command. It is very likely that Sarat Bose will meet Okazaki again in Simla.

2. Takabatake will leave Calcutta for Simla tonight to make arrangement for the stay of Okazaki in Simla.

3. M. Yamamoto, Manager, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and Ninomiya, Manager, Yokohama Specie Bank, are expected to sail for Japan soon. It was proposed to elect Ninomiya as president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce but it could not be done for his short stay in Calcutta.

4. On 28.4.41, Ida came to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and questioned Dr. Mukherjee about the Muslim League in India and took notes on it. On 29.4.41 Takabatake did the same thing. Ishida intends to purchase some books and literatures on the subject.

5. In course of a talk on 29.4.41 Mrs. Sinha stated that K. Ohta received training in the operation of Tanks and that he was an expert Tank Driver. K. Ohta himself was a very rich man and added his fortune by marrying a rich Japanese girl.

6. A number of Japanese assembled at 25/1 Ballygunge Circular Road, residence of Okazaki, in the morning of 29.4.41 to celebrate the Empire Birthday.

7. Six monthly Committee meeting of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Chamber on 1.5.41. Managers and Assistant Managers of the Japanese firms and also Okazaki and the Consular staff will join the function. The meeting will be held towards afternoon during office hours.

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8. Secret meetings of Bose group are occasionally held at the residence of N.N.Mitra, 94, Bakul Bagan Road. N.N. Mitra is connected with Bose family by marriage. Telephone of N.N.Mitra (P.K.1228) is used by the party members.

W. W.
R.N. pl. on N.N.Mitra & the address.
Sd/- J.V.B.J.
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Memo No. P.M.540/41-II dated the 5th May 1941.

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~~No req. till particulars known. R.N. Mitra's other address on card.~~

~~Do. may supply further particulars~~ ~~R.N. Mitra~~ In a list of Subhas Bose's relatives supplied by an Ex Officer, Nalini Nath Mitra of 94 Bakulbagan Road is mentioned as Lila Mitra's husband of Subhas. No req. on Card NV: 6/5/41

sd/- K. T.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch, Foreign Section,
Calcutta.

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SECRET.

Statement of C.112 dated the 26th May, 1941.

Sarat Bose was expecting Mr.Ohta to arrive at the West end of the Bridge. Mr.Ohta, however, with Mrs.Ohta who was dressed in an Indian 'sari', halted by some trees on the Howrah side of the bridge. Mr.Sarat Bose said he had been waiting some 10 or 15 minutes thinking that they would be coming on the other side of the bridge. Mr.Sarat Bose did not actually halt in his car but kept moving till he spotted Mr.Ohta's car.

When they met at the Dakhineswar Temple Mr. & Mrs. Ohta did not get down from their car. They remained sitting in the back of the car. Sarat Bose merely sent them instructions to follow him in their car.

C.112 is getting very uneasy about these meetings. He had been hoping that he would be asked to join in these conversations but he has not been asked to do so. He will, however, see Mr.Ohta again in a day and will try and obtain some information regarding the subject matter of the conversations. If he is unsuccessful, he will do his best to frustrate further meetings.

Memo.No.P.M.540/41 dated the 28th May, 1941.

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Special Branch, Calcutta.

BKG.

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SECRET. C CR562/41

Statement of C.112 dated the 27th May, 1941.

Mr.Ohta (Chancellor of Japanese Consulate) said on the 22nd May that he had received two telegrams on the 21st May- one from the Japanese Foreign Office and the other from Mr.Okazaki who is now in Simla. Of course Ohta has not divulged anything about the contents of the two telegrams, but he said that according to the instructions contained in these telegrams another meeting with Mr. Sarat Bose was necessary. Sarat Bose seemed to be very much willing to see Mr.Ohta again on Sunday the 25th May. Sarat Bose appeared to be unprepared for another visit from Ohta so soon. He said that things must have been moving very fast, and that he would not neglect any opportunity to see Mr.Ohta.

Regarding the venue of the meeting, Sarat Bose said that on the 18th May he chanced to meet two or three solicitors and barristers at Dakhineswar Temple. So on the 25th, he will not meet Mr.Ohta there. He suggests that Mr.Ohta should meet him at the spot where the Bally Bridge terminates. That is to say, Mr.Ohta should cross the Bridge and at the other end where there is a notice-board bearing the word "Danger", he should meet Sarat Bose at 7.30 P.M. Sarat Bose will wait on that spot. Mr.Ohta will be informed about this plan on the 23rd.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

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Bose Family/Contact

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Statement of C. 112 dated the 24th of May, 1941.

Mr. Ohta of the Japanese Consulate agrees to meet Mr. Sarat Bose on Sunday the 25th of May at the Bally Bridge approach at 7.30 p.m. Then, they will proceed to Rishra. Mr. Ohta will be accompanied by his wife.

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Copy sent to A.D.(J) vide C. 20.
vide P.M. 240/41-II dt 28/5/41

Dtd 30/5/41

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Statement of C. 112 dated the 16th May, 1941.

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Mr. Ohta, Chancellor of the Japanese Consulate, who took the Codes to Simla on the 10th May will return on the 12th. He has been requested by Mr. Okazaki, the Consul, to see Mr. Sarat Bose as soon as possible. Mr. Sarat Bose has received the message and will meet Ohta this week end. Mr. Ohta will drive to Dakhineswar Temple and will there meet Sarat Bose on Sunday at 7.30 p.m. Sarat Bose will then conduct him to Rishra.

Mr. Ohta is a frank and expansive sort of fellow. Mr. Okazaki asked him to inform Sarat Bose that his brother Subhas Bose was definitely known to be in Berlin where he was doing well and that he had established some sort of contact with Japan. It is probably in this connection that Mr. Ohta is going to see Sarat Bose.

Copies sent to A.D.C.(J), D.B. & C.I.O. vide P.No. 2894/41 of 17.5.41

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SECRET.

C.112 dated 25.4.41.

A. K. Mukherji saw Sarat Bose, at the instance of the Japanese Consul-General, on the 23rd April, at 9.30 P.M.

Bose family bulletin

Sarat Bose said that owing to the house search and arrest at his brother's house on the 20th, he wanted to cancel the engagement of the 22nd April. But, as both Dwijen and Ganesh were detained, there was no other person to deliver his message. So, the Consul-General was not informed before hand. Sarat Bose added that he had sent some of his men to see whether some police-watchers had been watching his Chamber at 5, Hastings Street. His men reported that some C.I.D. agents had been found on the staircase. So, Sarat Bose made up his mind to avoid the Consul-General. He is, however, very sorry that Mr. Okazaki was placed in an awkward position. Instead of giving a formal statement of apology, Sarat Bose requested A.K.Mukherji to explain the situation and to tender orally his apology to the Consul-General.

Sarat Bose wants to meet Mr. Okazaki once before the latter leaves for Simla. The date and place of this future meeting have not yet been fixed.

Sarat Bose seems to be very much dissatisfied with the irresponsible character of his two nephews - Dwijen and Ganesh; and he does not want to use them as 'liaison' any longer. Sarat Bose is very much nervous about exposure.

Sd. S. Dahar,
Addl. D.C., S.B.,
25.4.41.

C.P.
Sd. J.V.B.Janvrin,
26/4.

Seen.
Sd. C.E.S.F.
27/4

Sarat has good reason to be nervous. This is pure "5th Column.
Sd. C.E.S.Fairweather
27/4.

MJL.

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Extract from the Statement of C.B.30
dated 21.4.41.

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2. It is gathered that Sarat Bose has asked for an interview with the Japanese Consul-General at his (Sarat Bose's) Chamber at Hastings Street. The interview will probably take place to-morrow (22.4.41) between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sd/- K. T.
23/4.

3. There is talk in Japanese circles that Subhas Bose is now in Berlin.

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Copy of a report of an agent dated the 17th May 1941.

Mr. K. Chta has agreed to meet Sarat Bose on Sunday the 18th of May at the Dakhineswar Temple at 7-30 P.M. He was thinking of changing the number plate of his car but as it would only make matters worse if he were detected, he changed his mind. He will take his wife with him to avoid suspicion. Mr. Chta ~~xxx~~ prides himself on his driving and flying.. He comes of a well-to-do family in Japan, owns a car and spends a lot in entertaining.

T. Saito of the Nippon Trade Agency is a sly suspicious type of fellow. He suspects the clerks of being police informers and gives them false ideas of his proposed movements.

No 01506 B/- 17/19.5.41.

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Sd/ J. V. B. Janvrin.

Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Dated the 17th May, 1941.

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Copy of a Secret Report dated the 7th May 1941.

Mr. Okazaki, in course of a long conversation on the 3rd May, informs that Sarat Bose might see him again. But he thinks that Bose cannot see him before he leaves for Simla on the 6th May. Okazaki says he will come back to Calcutta in the middle of July. Most probably Sarat Bose may see him then - because Okazaki has told him about his movements. Okazaki will go to the Punjab, and North West Frontier Province at the end of May and in the early part of June. He will visit Kabul and will meet the Japanese Minister at Legation in Kabul. Then, he will travel back to Quetta.

Okazaki, when asked about the prospects of the war in the near future, informs that Germany cannot win the war without occupying the British Isles, because Germans think that if Britain is allowed to retain her fleet in case of a negotiated peace, they will really gain nothing substantial; and that there will soon break out another Anglo-German war. The Germans will be satisfied only when Britain agrees to surrender her fleet - and Okazaki knows it for certain that England will spurn such a demand. So, Germany must compel England to surrender her fleet. If Germany cannot successfully invade England and force the British Government to flee to the United States or Canada in this year, it will be impossible for Germany to win the war, if it is prolonged till next year when substantial American help will be available. Okazaki thinks that even if Germany is successful in capturing the Suez Canal and Mosul oil-fields, Nazis cannot win the war so long as the invincible British fleet remain intact. So, he thinks that Japan will not take any action with reference to her obligations under the Tripartite Pact, unless and until Great Britain is successfully invaded by the Nazis in this summer or in this autumn.

Mr. Okazaki repeats the Japan Radio version that the Soviets have concentrated six or seven divisions on the Russo-Japan border and near the Pamirs. He thinks that most probably the Soviets are very keenly watching the developments in Iraq and in Iran. Okazaki also hints that Amanullah, ex-Amir of Afghanistan, is being encouraged by the Nazis to create confusion in Kabul. If Turkey joins the Tripartite Pact (which Mr. Okazaki thinks very probable) Iraq and Iran and Afghanistan (who are politically allied by treaty obligations with Turkey) will have to follow Turkey's example.

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C. P. has seen

sd/- J.V.B.J.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

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D.C.S.B.
RECEIPT
No. 83 C10
DATE 5/5/41
CALCUTTA.

C.B.21. dated 2.5.41.

INDO-JAPANESE.

(2) After this meeting Aurabinda Bose, started discussing the Far Eastern situation. He spoke as a person who is "in the know". He said that Japan would not attack Burma or take any other active aggressive step till the British position further deteriorated in the Middle East. But if nothing happened by June, nothing would be done till next winter as the Burma monsoon was so severe that tropp movements woulf be impossible. America's direct participation might, however, force them to undertake an impossible task. He further remarked that Japan would like Indian terrorists to back up their onslaught by an internal uprising. He then said that the recent arrests and repressive action had paralysed their plans to a certain extent. On coming to the question of arms, ammunition and funds he stopped suddenly saying that he would discuss these questions later on

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Statement of C. 112 dated the 1st May 1941.

Mr. Takabatake is leaving for Simla on the 30th April. He is going before the Consul-General as he has to make preliminary arrangements re: housing at Simla. The Chancellor, Mr. Ishida, will accompany the Consul-General to Simla on the 5th May.

Mr. Takabatake has also been asked by Mr. Okazaki to collect materials re: Moslem League and particularly the scheme for "Pakisthan". Takabatake is an intelligent reader of the Indian press; his function at the Japanese Consulate is that of a Press Attache. As he has been already four years here, he is expected to know the implications of Mr. Gandhi's or Subhas Bose's movement.

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce's executive Committee will meet on the 1st May at 4 o'clock. Most of the Japanese business-firms will be represented by their managers in this meeting. A new executive committee will be elected. Mr. Ninomiya, Manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, who has been the president of the Chamber will resign as he expects to be transferred from Calcutta in the near future.

Mr. Okazaki and Mr. Moto will attend this meeting as representatives of the Consulate.

There will be an informal tea-party after the meeting.

Statement of C. 112 dated the 2nd May 1941.

Mr. Okazaki seems to be pleased with his interview with Sarat Bose on Sunday last. But Mr. Okazaki wants to know the real strength and actual potentialities of the "Forward Bloc". He is rather sceptical about the All-India character of the "Forward Bloc" movement vis-a-vis the Gandhist Congress.

The Consul-General is going to Simla on the 6th May (and not on the 5th) accompanied by Ishida; Mr. Idah, the Vice-Consul will remain here.

Mr. T. Saito told A.K.Mukherji on the 1st May that Japan would not join the war soon; Japan would prefer to wait till the serious reverses fall to the lot of the British in the Middle East.

Saito gets news by the Japan Radio and tells the Indian friends about these news-items.

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S E C R E T.

Statement of F.S. 5 dated 28-4-41.

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(Paragraphs 2)

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DS.

D.C.(3).
Sd/- J.V.B.J.
28-4-41

Where is the watcher's report after this meeting? I have received no report yet. Put up draft to A.D.(J) on the report, with reference to F.S.5's previous report.
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25/1 Ballygunge Circular Road,
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23.4.41

Telephone
Park 582.

Dear Mukherji,

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Probably the arrangement was not communicated to him, otherwise he should have let me know in time of his inability to meet me. It was not a very pleasant experience.

Yours,
Sd/- K.Okazaki.

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Sd.C.E.S.F.

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Alleged Assault on Watcher.

Case Against Sj. Satish Bose, His Son & Nephew.

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On the complaint of Inspector C.S. Barman, Mr. Satish Chandra Bose, a Barrister and a Councillor of the Calcutta Corporation, his son Dhirendra Nath Bose and his nephew Ranjit Kumar Bose are being prosecuted before Mr. H.C. Gupta, Additional District Magistrate of Alipore, in connection with an alleged assault on constable Abdul Bari Howladar, a watcher attached to the Special Branch of the Calcutta Police.

It was alleged that about 9-30 P.M. on April 20, Dhirendra and Ranjit assaulted the constable on Elgin Road while he was discharging his duties as a public servant. It was further alleged that the two accused wrongfully confined the constable by dragging him to a taxi and taking him to the residence of Hon'ble Sir B.P. Singh Roy in Lansdowne Road. Mr. Satish Bose is alleged to have sided and abetted the two accused in the commission of the offences.

The accused were released on bail of Rs. 200/- each and the hearing was adjourned to May 8.

Mr. Hirendra Nath Bose appeared for the accused.

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Sd/-J.V.B.Janvrin. W/o No CM563/41 d. 28.4.41.

D.C., S.B.

Mr. Blandy.

Refce Petition of complaint against the S.B. watchers.

(a) This is the reply to your query about the reasons for restricting the Bose nephews. This is "5th Column" work.

(b) As regards the alleged incident the Police have started a case which was heard yesterday and will be heard again on May 8th.

Sd/- C.E.S.Fairweather.
27. 4. 41.

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Special Branch, Calcutta.

BKG.

Telephone
Park 582.

25/1, Ballygunge Circular Road,
Calcutta.

23. 4. 41.

Dear Mukherji,

I went to the place yesterday but I could not find him there. It seemed that he was in the Court at that time. I waited for him in the corridor for about twenty minutes and came back.

Probably the arrangement was not communicated to him, otherwise he should have let me know in time of his inability to meet me. It was not a very pleasant experience.

Yours,
Sd/- K.Okazaki.

BKG.

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The top communication relates to matters which have apparently already been brought to the notice of the C.P. The whole think reads as if the writer had attempted to evade tje watch and got annoyed in consequence ! However it is a complaint of abose by a responsible officer and should be penned down. Will C.P. let me have a note for H.C.M. please ?

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2. The lower paper is a protest against the internment order itself. I presume that there are good reasons for this and that the answer is "Nothing doing".

Sd/- E.N. Blandy.
25.4.41.

Sd/- A.E. Porter.
25/4/41.

D.C.,S.B.

Note on above 2 points pl.

Sd/- C.E.S.Fairweather.
27/4.

DS

38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta.
24th. April 1941.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. A.K.Fazlul Huq,
Chief Minister & Minister-in-charge of the Home Department,
Government of Bengal, Calcutta.

Sir,

I have to bring to your notice the outrageous conduct and unmannerly behavious of the members of the S.B., and the I.B. Departments particularly of Babu Ram Choudhury. These persons have been posted near our premises No: 38/2,Elgin Road for the purpose of watching the movements of the members of our family. My complaint is based on the incidents narrated below :

On the 20th. April 1941, an order under sub-rule (1) - of rule 26 of Defence of India Rule under the signature of the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, was served on me whereby my movements have been restricted within the following limits namely, Lower Circular Road on the north, Hazra Road on the south and Harish Mukherji Road on the west. The same day my younger brother, Sj. Dwijendra Nath Bose, was arrested under the Defence of India Act and at about 1 p.m. he was taken from our residence to Lord Sinha Road. At about 4 p.m. the same day a telephonic message was received by us instructing us to take the articles of clothing and other things to the Bhowanipore Thana for the use of my said brother. My cousin, Sj. Arobindo Bose, and I took the said articles with us and proceeded by our car No: B.L.A.8981 at about 4/35 p.m. We reached the Bhowanipore Thana soon after and on enquiring we were informed that my said brother had already been removed to the Alipore Central Jail. Thereupon, my said cousin left for the Alipore Central Jail in our said car and I remained at the Bhowanipore Thana till 5.30. p.m. At about 5.35.p.m. I returned home by bus. After reaching home, I walked over to my uncle's (Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose's) residence at 1, Woodburn Park. When I came out of my uncle's residence at about 8/20 p.m. and took a turn to Elgin Road, some watchers made objectionable remarks within my hearing. The remarks made by them are as follows:

'This is a leader .... he has been toned down (thanda hoe geche)' . I also found a car bearing No: B.L.A.6836 standing opposite the premises named "Ajana" on Elgin Road and the occupants of the said car were also jeering at me. One of the occupants of the said car No: B.L.A.6838 was Babu Ram Choudhury. I returned home and a little after 8/30 p.m. I walked along Allenby Road and Puddapukher Road to my uncle's (Mr. N.N. Mitra's) residence at 94,Bakulbagan Road along with my driver. When we were walking, the said car No: B.L.A.6838 was all along following us. All the time the occupants of the said car kept on jeering at me. I enquired at No: 94,Bakulbagan Road whether my said uncle was in. On being informed that he was not at home, I proceeded to Ashutosh Biswas Road to see Mr. N.K. Basu 's son, Sj. Dhiren Basu- Sj. Dhiren Basu was not there and I came out of his house and again returned to the premises No: 94, Bakulbagan Road. I enquired whether my uncle had returned home and was told he had not. The car No: B.L.A.6836 then took a turn from Ashutosh Biswas Road back to Bakulbagan Road and the occupants of the said car kept jeering at me and made the following remarks in loud tones : 'Here goes a leader - his katcha has gone off". One of the occupants of the said car was Babu Ram Choudhury. I became disgusted at the rude and unseemingly behaviour of the occupants of the said car and I tried to avoid them by moving into Madhab Chatterjee Lane. There I was followed by the three of the watchers including a Hindusthani watcher.

In Madhab Chatterji Lane, I got into the compound of Mr. Chunilal Sinha and while I was easing myself, I found that the said Hindusthani watcher entered into the said compound of Babu Chunilal Sinha and stood by my side. I protested against his conduct whereupon he made the following remarks. 'Hamko hukum mila haye - ham jaroor dekhenge.' I then said, "I am sure that you have no order to intrude on me while I am easing myself". Then he remarked,'Ham jaroor dekheng -tum kayed band haye.' I told him that I would report against him to the superior authorities, whereupon he made the following remarks: 'Report karna - tumko dheklia - tu keakarega - ham policeka admi haye - Inspector Sahibka order haye'. Thereafter, I proceeded to the junction of Puddapukur Road and Bakulbagan Road via Chakrabere Road and Allenby Road with the object of reporting the conduct of the said watchers to the occupants of the said car No: B.L.A.6836. While I was proceeding towards the said car, which was standing at the junction of the Paddapukher Road and Bakulbagan Road, I found that one of the said three watchers, who were following me all along on foot, rushed towards the said car and muttered something to the occupants of the said car No: B.L.A.6836. When I came near the said car, the said Babu Ram Choudhury leaned out of the car and made the following highly offensive remarks and the other occupants also joined him in hurling abuses at me. The remarks and the abuses hurled at me are as follows : 'You son of a bitch, I shall thrash you. What father's son are you ? You sala ! I shall kick and blow out your brain. Because you are a nephew of sala Sarat Bose and sala Subhas Bose, you think no end of yourself' and also other unspeakable and abusive remarks were hurled at me. Thereupon, I proceeded to Mr. N.K.Basu's residence at Ashutosh Biswas Road to take his advice in the matter. After I came out of Mr. N.K. Basu's house with his durwan, the said Ram Choudhury hurled further abuses at me which are as follows : 'What Bata N.K. Bose will do ?' I then walked down Allenby Road with the said durwan. All this time the occupants of the said car kept on jeering at me. I took a rickshaw and straight went to Sir N.N. Sircar's place with the object of taking Sir N.N. Sircar's advice in the matter. I was informed that Sir N.N. Sircar was out of town and so I returned home. When I came out of Sir N.N. Sircar's residence, I found that the said car (B.L.A 6836) which was following me, disappeared at top speed. Two Bengali watchers, who were following me all along on foot, entreated me not to lodge a complaint against them as they are poor men and they had to do all these things to earn their livelihood. They further told me that the Inspector who was in the said car was a wicked man and was giving no end of trouble both to me and to them. One of these watchers told me that the name of the said Inspector is Babu Ram Choudh -ry. I returned home and informed my father of the incidents which had taken place upto 9/15 p.m. My father, thereupon, came out of our residence with me and as we were proceeding towards the car No: B.L. 6836, which was standing in front ~~mg~~ of the premises No: 41, Elgin Road facing west of Elgin Road, the said car dashed in backward and reckless speed towards the east of Elgin Road in order to avoid us. We then took a taxi and shouted to the occupants of the said car No: B.L.A. 6836 to stop, our object was to take the occupants of the said car to the Commissioner of Police. When we proceeded by taxi to the east of Elgin Road, the said car dashed in reckless speed towards the west of Elgin Road and disappeared in a moment. The said two Bengali watchers who were on the Road, were running away in order to avoid us. After giving them hot chase, we eventual through the help of one gentleman, who was walking on Elgin Road, c -ght hold of him and put him in our taxi ; pne of them disappeared in darkness. We then drove to Sir B.P.Singha Roy's residence with the said watcher and narrated all the incidents which had taken pl that evening to Sir B.P.Sinha Roy in presence of the said watcher. We returned to No: 1, Woodburn Park and my father informed the Commissioner of Police on the phone about the conduct of Babu Ram Choudhury and the other occupants of the said car No: B.L.A. 6836 including one of the S.B. officers who came to our residence with the search warrant in the morning of 20.4.41 and stayed till 1 p.m. (whom I can identify) and the watchers who were following

me on foot. I have a very strong belief that the watchers of the S.B. and the I.B. Departments are pursuing their vendetta against me and the members of our family.

I ask your intervention and hope that justice will be done to me.

I have etc.,

Sd/- Dhirendra Nath Bose.
(Alias Ganesh Bose).

Enclosed :- One letter &
copy of a letter and a telegram.

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38/2, Elgin Road, Calcutta.

Dated the 24th April 1941.

To.

Hon'ble Mr. A.K. Fazlul Huq,
Chief Minister and the Minister-in-charge of
the Home Deptt.
Government of Bengal, Calcutta.

Sir,

I believe you are aware that I have been interned under sub-rule (1) of rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules by an order dated the 19th April 1941 under the signature of the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, whereby my movements have been restricted to the area bounded by Lower Circular Road on the north, Hazra Road on the south, Lansdowne Road on the east and Harish Mukherji Road on the west. The said order was served on me by Inspector C.S. Burman of the S.B. Department on the 20th April 1941 at about 1 P.M.

The said order came upon me as a very great surprise. I am quite ignorant of the reasons for which such order was passed and served on me. The facts that neither any member of the S.B. or the I.B. Departments came to me and I was not interrogated regarding anything done or supposed to have done by me which was or is prejudicial to the Government and that nothing was found during the search of our residence before the said order was served on me, force me to the conclusion that the police are pursuing their vendetta against me and the members of our family. I feel quite sure that the Commissioner of Police must have been misled by wrong information about me and the said order was procured by some underlings of the S.B. department.

I have been carrying on business in the cotton textile line and other lines such as Insurance etc. in Calcutta since 1st October 1938 and am not either directly or indirectly involved in politics a fact which I can substantiate to the satisfaction of any impartial person. I had arranged to leave for Ahmedabad on the 22nd April 1941 in connection with my business for which I can give conclusive proof to your satisfaction. By the said internment order for one year I shall suffer great financial loss and my business connection will suffer seriously, and I hope you will appreciate the situation in which I have been placed. I can prove my case set out above, if I am given a hearing in your presence and in the presence of the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta. I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter dated 18.4.41 which I received from my uncle Mr.Sailesh Chandra Bose, Manager, Asarwa Mills, Ahmedabad as also a copy of a telegram from him dated the 18th instant all of which will give you a clear idea of the nature of my business at Ahmedabad.

I shall be glad, if you kindly instruct the Commissioner of Police to withdraw the said order on me and allow me to function as before and to go to Ahmedabad in connection with my business. This is further to inform you that I shall be able to finish my work at Ahmedabad within a month or so and shall then return home.

I am also enclosing herewith my complaint against the outrageous and unmannerly behaviour of Babu Ram Rai Choudhury and other members of the S.B. department. I ask

your intervention and hope that justice will be done to me.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Sd. DHIRENDRA DUTT BOSE
(Alias Ganesh Bose).

Enclo :- copy of a letter & a telegram.

MS:

Copy of telegram dated 18-10 from Bose (Mr. Sailesh C.Bose) Ahmedabad addressed to Dhiren care Hertzen Calcutta.

- Start twentysecond letter posted - Bose -

2. Copy of letter dated 18.4.41 from my uncle, Mr. Sailesh Chandra Bose, Manager, the Asarwa Mills, Ahmedabad :-

Patadi Buildings,
Ellis Bridge P.O.
Ahmedabad, 18.4.41.

My dear Gonesh,

I hope you have received my previous letters and copies of letters to Young & Co. I would like you to start as early as possible after receipt of this letter say on the 22nd inst. Please send me a wire from an intermediate station about the date and train of your arrival.

The work that you are about to plunge into would mean a lot of hard work for you. It would also mean a lot of third class touring. I wonder whether you would be equal to the task and whether your health will be able to bear the strain ?.

Please prepare a list of all the cotton and silk mills of Bengal Bihar and Assam together with the personal and the influence that could be brought to bear upon them, specially try to find out who are the Agents, Wvg.Masters and/or Managers and Dyersand Bleachers.

With regard to Jute Mills try to make a list of the mills where entry is possible through influence. Also if possible try to find out what type of finishing and glazing materials they use and try to procure a sample.

Please try to do as much of the above during the short time of your disposal as you possibly can.

More when we meet. We are so so . Trust this will find you all in good health. With my pronams to elders and love to you.

Yours v. affly.

Sd. Sailesh C. Bose.

MS:

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Statement of F.S. 5 dated 25-4-41.

1. Mr. Okazaki went to 5 Hastings Street to meet Sarat Bose at about 4/30 p.m. on 22-4-41, but having found him away, he came back. Later on, it transpired that Sarat Bose intimated Mr. Okazaki by a letter that he would not be able to meet Mr. Okazaki at the appointed time and gave the letter to Ganesh Bose for delivery. Ganesh Bose failed to deliver the letter in time due to the restriction order suddenly served on him. On 24-4-41, Arabinda Bose handed over the above letter to Dr. Mukherji who made over the same to Mr. Okazaki that very day.

C.B.30 reports on 24-4-41 "Sarat Bose remarked that Ganesh Bose is a half-wit". This was presumably the provocation.
Sd/- K.T.
26.4.41

On 23-4-41, before the aforesaid letter was received, Sarat Bose wrote another letter to Mr. Okazaki requesting to meet him at his Garden House at Rishra on 26-4-41. It was mentioned in the letter that his son would be waiting in a **car BLA 7169 at Princep Ghat, at 7.15 p.m. on 26-4-41, to drive Mr. Okazaki to the Rishra Garden House. A nephew of Sarat Bose handed over this letter to Dr. Mukherji who in his turn made over the same to Mr. Okazaki. On receiving the letter Mr. Okazaki informed Sarat Bose through Dr. Mukherji on the same day (23-4-41), that he would meet him according to the arrangement on 27-4-41, instead of 26-4-41, and that he would go to Princep Ghat at the appointed time on 27-4-41. Dr.Mukherji said that Sarat Bose was sorry when he learnt that Ganesh Bose failed to deliver the first letter and severely reprimanded him.

**Car of Sisir Kumar Bose s/o Sarat Ch. Bose.
Sd/- K.T.
26-4-41

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MEMO NO. P.M.540/41 dated 26th April, 1941.

Copy forwarded for information to -

COMMISSIONER.

1. W. McK.Wright, Esq., I.P.,
Assistant Director (J),
NEW DELHI.

D.C.S.B. (F.S.)

2. D.A. Brayden, Esq., I.P.,
C. I. O.,
Calcutta.

Sd/- K. Tolson
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Foreign Section,
Calcutta.

DFC

SECRET.

Office of the DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch, 14, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta.

No.C.M.563/41-C. Dated the April 1941.

Copy forwarded to:- 1. E.N. BLANDY ESQR., C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Bengal, H.D.,

2. M.O. CARTER ESQR., M.C., I.C.S.,
Secretary to H.E. the Governor of Bengal,

3. W. MCK. WRIGHT ESQR., I.P.,
Assistant Director (J).,
Intelligence Bureau, H.D.,
New Delhi,

4. D.A. BRAYDEN ESQR., I.P.,
Central Intelligence Officer,
9/1, Gariahat Road, Calcutta,

for information.

COMMISSIONER.

Sd. J.V.B. JANVRIN.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

D.C., S.B.,
dated. 23/4

MS.

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SECRET.

Report of a Calcutta Police, Special Branch Officer, dated 22.4.41, re. Secret watch at 5, Hastings Street (near the Chamber of Mr. Sarat Ch. Bose) from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.

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Beg to report that I along with two watchers watched the place mentioned above from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. At about 11-30 A.M. Mr. Sarat Ch. Bose came to that place by car No. B.L.A.5595 and went into his Chamber on 3rd floor. At about 12 noon he left the place and went to High Court. He was not seen again to come to 5, Hastings Street. At about 4-40 P.M. Mr. Okazaki, Japanese Consul General came there by Car No. B.L.A. 8542 and entered 5, Hastings Street, by the North door of the building and went to 3rd floor by the lift. Watcher (L.C.) Sunil Bhattacharji under my instruction went to 3rdfloor and found Mr.Okazaki in front of the Chamber of Mr. Sarat Ch. Bose (which was locked up then) asking an upcountry Darwan about the whereabouts of Mr. Sarat Ch. Bose. The Darwan replied that he (Mr. Bose) left that place at noon and did not turn up. Mr. Okazaki waited there for sometime and left that place at 5 P.M. by the same car and by the same door of the building.

I reported the above facts to D.C.II. through phone.

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Secret. Statement of F.S.5 dated 22.4.41.

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Mr. Okazaki, in course of a talk, gave out that Subhas Bose had gone to Berlin via Afghanistan and Russia. Sarat Bose wrote a letter to Mr. Okazaki in a sealed cover on 19.4.41 requesting Mr. Okazaki to meet him in his Chamber at 5 Hastings Street, Calcutta. Mr. Okazaki might go there on 22-4-41 (today) to meet Sarat Bose towards afternoon.

Delivered via
Dr.A.K.Mukherji
Sd/- K.T.
23.4.41

One copy of a poster containing anti-war slogans printed in red ink issued by the group of Dwijen Bose (Youth League) was given to Mr. Okazaki by Dwijen Bose on 19.4.41. Mr. Okazaki was pleased to receive the same. He intended to send the poster to Japan for circulation.

Also via
A.K.M.
Sd/- K.T.
23.4.41

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MEMO NO. P.M.540/41 dated 25th April, 1941.

Copy forwarded for information to -

1. W. McK.Wright, Esq., I.P.,
   Assistant Director (J),
   New Delhi.

2. D.A. Brayden, Esq., I.P.,
   C. I. O.,
   Calcutta.

Sd/- K.T.

Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Foreign Section,
Calcutta.

DFC

(8 copies)

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Re: Secret watch at 5 Hastings St. (near the chamber of Mr. Sarat ch. Bose) for 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.
6.22.4.41.

Allens No. CM 563/41-C
dt- 23.4.41.

Copies to
AD(I)
C.S.
S.G.B.
C.I.
C.O.

MLS 23.4.41.

DC II / Hcs 23/4

Personal.
The watch is being Continued.
JS 23/4

DC II

JABD 23/4

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23/4

Sir,

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Reported the above facts to D.C. II by phone.

Submitted.
[illegible]
D.
23/4/41

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Seeretr e t

Statement of C.112 dated 20.4.41.

Mr. Okazaki, on reading the letter of Mr. Bose said that he would see the latter on Tuesday, the 22nd April at 5, Hastings Street (third-floor) between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. The Consul General did not write any reply to the letter.

Sd/- S. Dahar.

Addl: D.C.S.B.
21.4.41.

Mr. Sarat Bose arrived today from Kuching.
MJL. S. Dahar. 21/4.
Sd- JVDJ. 21/4.

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SECRET

Statement of C. 112 dated 21.4.41.

The attached are the posters and leaflets which I have mentioned in my report dated 19.4.41. The two posters which bore the picture of a revolver each are not in these.

Sd/- S. Dahar.
Addl. D. C. S. B.
21/4.

File + indorse
these leaflets
sdn. S.D.
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Secret.

Statement of C. 112 dated 19/4/41.

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Letter & leaflets Retd. Sd. S.D. Copies & P. Copies Kept Sd. S.D. 19/4.

Ganesh Bose, with a view to fix up an appointment between Sarat Bose and the Japanese Consul-General, OKAZAKI, delivered on the 18th. April at 10 P.M. a sealed envelope (addressed to Mr. OKAZAKI) to Dr. A.K. Mukherjee to be handed over to the Consul-General on Saturday at 11.12. He has also handed over a few leaflets to be shown to the Consul-General.

COMMISSIONER.

Sd/- S. Dahar.

Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.
19.4.41.

Addl.D.C.S.B.
19/4/41.

DS.

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Please destroy this slip.

Our Leader in the absence of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose------ is Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, M.L.A. Barrister, and the Leader of the Opposition, Bengal Assembly. He will negotiate with you, but for certain difficulties on his part, it is better if you please take the initiative of meeting him at his chamber on the third floor of No. 5 Hastings Street (near the High Court) and just above the office of M/s. Mitra & Mitra, Solicitors on any day after the 21st instant, except Saturdays and Sundays. The convenient time for the meeting will be between 4-30 p.m. and 5-30 p.m. Please learn from Dr.Mukherji whether I am still out of Jail and inform me accordingly about the date of the meeting through him, so that, I can arrange with Mr.Bose; or if otherwise, then please inform Mr. Bose at his residence at No. 1, Woodburn Park through a letter under sealed cover. The same must be sent per a servant who must not be so intelligent as to detect the link. Please do not let a second man know about Mr. Bose's reference, that is why, I am sending this chit under sealed cover and even the bearer of this is ignorant about him.

Expecting your initiative, in case I am in jail,

SECRET.

F.S.5

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Report of a Secret Agent dated 16. 4. 41.(F.S.5)

Dwijen Bose was due to meet Okazaki at his residence at 9-30 on 8.4.41 along with a "Leader" (mentioned in the report dated 8.4.41) but could not meet him at the appointed time owing to rigidity of police surveillance. At about 9.35 p.m. the watch was a bit relaxed due to arrival of a new batch of watchers, Dwijen Bose slipped out and went to the residence of Okazaki at 25/1, Ballygunge Circular Road along with Sarat Bose but found the main gate closed. Okazaki had gone to bed then. They hurriedly explained the situation through a servant, promised to come sometime after and then left almost immediately in a car.

2. Tokiti Sakai arrived at Calcutta by s.s.Limamaru along with Shiro Iida on 8.4.41. He is living at the Chowringhee Branch of the Y.M.C.A. and expected to take charge of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Before he came to India, he was in America for a long time.

Memo.No.P.M.540/41 dated 19th April, 1941.

Copy forwarded for information to :-

1. E.N.Blandy Esq.,C.S.I.,C.I.E.,I.C.S.,
   Chief Secretary to the Govt.of Bengal,
   Home Department,

2. W.McK.Wright Esq.,I.P.,
   Assistant Director (J),
   Intelligence Bureau, Home Dept.,
   NEW DELHI.

Sd/- J.V.B.Janvrin.
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,Calcutta.

Commissioner.

Sd/- JVBJ.
D.C.,S.B.

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SECRET

No.P.M.540/41

Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police,
14, Lord Sinha Road,
Calcutta, dated, 19th April 1941.

ENCLOSURE: - Copy of C.112 Secret Agent's Report dated 14.4.41.

Copy forwarded to :-

1. M.O.Carter Esq.,M.C.,I.C.S.,
   Secretary to the Governor of Bengal,

2. E.N.Blandy Esq., C.S.I.,C.I.E.,I.C.S.,
   Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

3. M.K.Johnston Esq.,M.B.E.,I.P.,
   Assistant Director (P).,
   Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi,

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch - Calcutta.

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SECRET

C.112

Copy of Secret Agent's report dated 14.4.41.

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Though Mr. Okazaki made all arrangements to meet Sarat Bose on the 8th April at 9 P.M. at 25/1, Ballygunge Circular Road, it transpired that they did not meet each other. Dwijen Bose informs that owing to strict and rigorous police surveillance, he could not accompany Sarat Bose at 9 P.M. when the police watchers changed their beat at 9.55 P.M. he took Sarat Bose by his car to the Consul General's residence at 10 P.M. But the durwan told Dwijen that the door was locked from within; so it was not possible for him to admit them. Thus, Dwijen and Sarat Bose came back disappointed.

Mr. Okazaki also informs that he waited for his guest till 10 o'clock when he asked his servants to close the gates. Dwijen states that sometime next week the interview may be again arranged. The Japanese Consul General is also ready to fix up another appointment after the Easter holidays.

Kageyama left Calcutta for Bombay on the 8th April by Bombay Mail. He will catch a boat bound for East Africa on the 11th or 12th of this month. With the departure of Kageyama the Consul General feels the absence of a first class intriguer from his side. Kageyama had been alert resourceful diplomat, always anxious to "procure" secret information of every description. In his place, a new vice Consul, IDAH, has come. Idah, arrived with his wife on the 8th April at 3 p.m. He is a youngish type; and had been in Calcutta as a Chancellor of the Consulate a few years ago. Idah was attached to the Japanese Consulate in London till he left England before August last year. Kageyama has explained the importance of his present post. Idah will occupy Kageyama's flat at Lord Sinh Road for the time being.

There has been a flutter in the local Japanese circles over the mysterious death of the Manager of the Bombay branch of the N.Y.K. The arrest of two Parsee employees of N.Y.K. at Bombay and the sudden death of the Manager have led some Japanese to think that this Manager must have been dabbling in political affairs or in some other matters relating to the war. All the facts about this case have not yet been collected, as the local Japanese are very much reticent on this case.

Mr. N. Suzuki's successor at the Osaka City's representative, arrived here on the 8th April. He is a youngman named Okasi, and had been in U.S.A. His office room has not been fixed. He may sit at the office of Saito, at 135, Canning Street, or he may sit at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

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Statement of C.112 dated the 8th April, 1941.

I. Dwijen Bose met A.K.Mukherji and said that he would try to introduce his uncle, Sarat Bose or Amar Chatterji to the Japanese Consul-General. He will ask Mr.Kageyama to arrange this interview before he leaves Calcutta.

Dwijen also stated that he was not in a position to disclose to Mr.Kageyama the identity of the man who wanted to go to Japan as an absconder. This man is said to be a deserter from the Indian Army and has committed murderous assaults on British officers. So, his name cannot be divulged. But Dwijen Bose adds that Mr.Kageyama can get the whole history of this man, if he refers to an Indian at Shanghai, whose name and address are as follows:-

Mr.O.Asman,
C/o Japanese Naval Station,
1090 North Szechuan Street,
Shanghai.

Dwijen says that this Mr.O.Asman is an old member of Ghadr Party, now attached to the Japan Naval Station at Shanghai (This name "Asman" is an assumed name). This "Asman" is supposed to know everything about the man who now wants a visa for Japan.

Dwijen will soon (in a day or two) approach Mr. Kageyama with a request to introduce Mr.Okazaki (Consul General) to Sarat Bose or Amar Chatterji. The time and place of meeting will be decided by Mr.Kageyama.

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Statement of F.S.5 dated the 8th April, 1941.

Dwijen Bose met Kageyama and Okazaki at the latter's residence sometime ago and would meet Okazaki again at 9-30 p.m. on 8.4.41 along with another whom he described as a "leader". Dwijen said that he had extra number plate and changed the number plate of their car as the circumstances demanded. On the occasion of their visit to the residence of Okazaki, the number plate of the car was changed. He gave out that Subhas Bose had gone to Berlin and was there at the moment. A Forward Blocist of the N.W.F.P. also disappeared on the same day on which his uncle disappeared. And their disappearances were prearranged. Subhas Bose, he further added, had organised a corp called "Soldiers of the Free Hindusthan" and was anxious to maintain touch with them in India. He requested Kageyama and Okazaki to utilise "Domei" for the purpose. Kageyama is said to have given instruction to the representative of "Domei" in India (Bombay) to send news on Indian politics and bring news about Subhas and Germany through a special code.

Put up with recent statement re. this.
Sd/-JJ.
16/4.

Re.stt. of C.112 dt. 9.4.41. S.I., G.C.Roy has noted D.C's orders on origl.

Suzuki, before his departure, stated on 1 or 2. 4. 41 that he had information from a reliable source that Subhas Bose announced in the Berlin Radio on 27.3.41.

Statement of C.112 dated the 9th April,1941.

Kageyama, the Vice-Consul for Japan,informs that Mr.Okazaki (Consul-General) has agreed to see Sarat Bose or any other responsible leader of Subhas Bose's Party at 9 p.m. at his Ballygunge Circular Residence on the 8th April.

It seems that someone may go at that time to the residence of the Japanese Consul-General.

Kageyama met Dwijen Bose on the 7th April, and communicated this information.

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Statement of a Secret Agent dated 5.4.41.

Dwijen Bose (nephew of Subhas Bose) saw Mr. Kageyama on the 23rd. But he did not see the Japanese Consul-General, Okazaki, Kageyama did not apparently give much importance to the tall-talks of this youngman. Kageyama told him that he and Mrs. Okazaki might discuss political affairs with some elderly and responsible member of their party ; they (Okazaki and Kageyama) do not put much credance to the 'high-sounding' programme of the revolutionaries.

As regards visa for Japan, Kageyama told Dwijen point-blank that he must see the man who would go to Japan. Unless he was produced, it would not be possible for Kageyama to give any visa.

So, Dwijen has been very much disappointed. Kageyama also dismissed him as an irresponsible youngster. Most probably, the whole thing is a hoax concocted by the so-called Bose -group. They wanted to fleece the Japanese Consulate by telling cock-and-bull stories. But they have failed.

Kageyama informs that he is prepared to meet any really responsible and leading member of their group. Kageyama is leaving for Bombay, most probably, on the 10th. April. Then he will proceed to Mombasa. His successor, Mr. Idah, will come to Calcutta on the 8th. of this month. But nowadays Japanese cargo-boats are not coming according to scheduled time.

Kageyama states that the Consul-General, Mr. ~~Gesuki~~ Okazaki, has now studied the India affairs fairly well. So, he himself will deal with the matters relating to "Eastern Economist" and to the "Japan Library".

Okazaki will go to Simla in the first week of May.

II. N. Suzuki, Secretary of Japan Chamber of Commerce, left for Japan from Calcutta by the Japanese cargo-boat on the 4th. April. Mrs. Ishida (wife of Mr. Ishida of the Consular staff) has also left by the same boat.

Mr. Takeuchi is leaving for Japan by the middle of April. He has been promoted to the rank of a Chancellor.

III. I preserved a copy of the report from A.K. Mukherji which he has submitted to the Consulate of Japan as mentioned previously.

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Statement of C. 112 dated the 15th. March 1941.

Ganesh Bose (nephew of Subhas Bose) is very much keen on meeting the Japanese Consul General ; he wants to obtain some subsidy from the Consulate. So far, no contact has been made.

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Statement of F.S. 5 dated the 16th. March 1941.

Dwijen Bose and Ganesh Bose, nephews of Subhas Bose, came to the house of Dr. Mukherjee at Dharamtala Street, just above Sangu Valley Restaurant, on 8.3.41 and 9.3.41 and talked with him from 8.30. P.M. to 10.30. p.m. They insisted on a meeting with Kageyama and requested Dr. Mukherjee to arrange early. As regards the message of Subhas Bose they said that Subhas Bose had under his control 4000 men specially trained by him and that these men Kageyama could employ in favour of his government at a moment's notice, if he would very kindly undertake to defray their expenses. They needed a lac of rupees at present. They gave out that the monthly expenses for these people were nearly Rs.5000/-, They were in desperate need of money to feed these men and that they were still arranging fund for them with great difficulty after the disappearance of their uncle. They gave out, in course of the talk, that they were in touch with their uncle and visited Dr. Mukherjee as wished by him to arrange for an early meeting with Kageyama. They boasted that the police were reprimanded for not being able to check their uncle's disappearance. Ganesh was eager to go to Japan and requested to ask Kageyama to send him to Japan anyhow.

They termed the film "Dictator" as regular film nuisance and Ganesh said that he wished very much to collapse the very house where the film was staged.

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Copy of note made on the statement of "F.S.5" dated 16.3.41.

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Ganesh Bose is generally considered to be little more than a half -wit. It is inconceivable that he could be used in any serious negotiations. Dwijen Bose's Youth League is certainly in need of funds, but he would have some difficulty in persuading Kageyama that Subhas Bose has 4,000 specially trained men ready to be employed at a moment's notice on behalf of Japan.

Sd/- D.A. Brayden.
19.3.41.

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C.112

Statement of a Secret Agent dated 11.3.41.

Two nephews of Subhas Bose - sons of Satish Bose named Dwijen and Dhiren (alias Ganesh and Kartick) met Asit Mukherji editor of the "Eastern Economist" on the 8th and 9th March, at the latter's residence. They did not disclose the whereabouts of Subhas Bose; but they assert that Subhas Bose is still conducting the campaign by instructions. These two nephews state that the distribution of unauthorized leaflets fomenting of strikes in the important manufacturing war-industries (Jute Mills, Munition Factories, electricity works etc.) and the organization of the All India Youth League are now the principal items of Subhas party programme.

D.C. Sd.S.D. 11/3.

Seen. Sd.J.J. 12/3.

But they admit they have no financial strength. They want to come in touch with the Japanese Consulate, and they say that Subhas Bose instructed them to approach the Japanese Consulate. But they also admit that Subhas Bose could not make any bargain with the Japanese, because the Japanese did not show any enthusiasm for Subhas Bose. Moreover, Subhas Bose told his nephews that Lala Sankarlal squandered away the funds of the "Forward Bloc" in Japan, without meeting any responsible Japanese leader or politician.

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These two young men seem to be very much optimistic. They think they can create confusion in the country, if Japan really joins the war and invades India. Dwijen Bose (the dark complexioned young man) claims that he is the real organizer of the Youth League, while Dhiren (the light complexioned one) claims that he is working as a fifth columnist. Dhiren says that he is in very very firendly terms with Mr. Manzoor Murshed, Secretary of Mr. Fazlul Haq, and Mrs. Murshed. From them, he gathers information about the official attitude towards Subhas Bose. (He seems to know that the police Commissioner, and the Home Members have been severely censured by the Indian Government for not taking sufficient precautionary measures against Subhas before his escape). Anyway, these two youngmen are very much loquacious; and from their conversations, it can be guessed that Subhas Bose may be hiding somewhere in India or in Nepal. They say that Mr. Sarma who had accompanied Lala Sankarlal to the Far East in 1940, has recently gone to Nepal.

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Sd. J.J. 13/3

It was, however, pointed out to them that the plan of obtaining funds from Japanese Consulate is impracticable, because firstly, the Consulate has never received any such proposals from Subhas Bose; and secondly the local Consulate has no right to act on behalf of Japan Government in such a matter of grave importance. These youngmen say that already one of their group, Karuna Mitra, a free-lance journalist, saw Mr. Okazaki, the new Consul-General, and asked some subsidy from him for the "Hindusthan Standard", which is now regularly publishing pro-Japanese articles. Okazaki did not commit himself but he told Karuna Mitra that he would like to know more about him. Dwijen says that now that Mr. Okazaki has come back Karuna will again meet him.

The Japanese Consul-General, Okazaki and the Chancellor of the Consulate, Takabatake, have come back from tour. Okazaki will now attend to the political and cultural affairs, as Kageyama will soon leave India. Kageyama has decided provisionally on his departure on the 10th April next; most probably, his successor, Mr. Idah will reach Calcutta by that time.

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